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## RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed December 23, 2005, Applicants confirm that the changes to the claims are acceptable and thank the Examiner for her assistance with modifying the claims.

The Examiner has highlighted certain portions of the independent claims in the reasons for Allowance. Applicants agree that the combinations set forth in the independent claims are patentable over the prior art. Applicants note that the dependent claims set forth additional limitations that further distinguish the prior art.

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Applicants note that some changes, such as the deletion of the words "at least" from the independent claims, should be understood only to remove redundant language and not to narrow or otherwise change the meaning of the claims in any manner.

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